Developing Kaveri engine for LCA

269. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Turbine Research establishment of DRDO is thinking of taking on board a global technical personnel to develop Kaveri engine for LCA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the High Powered Committee has deliberated on this issue at length;

(d) whether it is also a fact that DRDO is opposing the move to take any technical help from outside; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Gas Turbine Research Establishment of DRDO has undertaken development of Kaveri engine to meet the propulsion needs of LCA project. During Aero India 2005 number of manufacturers displayed engine technology. In order to expedite the Kaveri engine development, DRDO has explored the possibility of partnership with other leading manufacturers. Expression of interest have been sought from all reputed military engine manufacturers to assess the level of interest in such a proposal.

(c) DRDO has reviewed and assessed that, in it's current stage of maturity, significant risk reduction in the program may accrue through a partnership in engine development and production to meet production release goals of Kaveri by 2009.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Coastal Security Plan

270. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the brief details of the Coastal Security Plan that envisages police stations in all coastal pockets;

(b) whether it is a Centrally funded projects; and

(c) the details of areas that would be developed from security angle on the Orissa coast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Coastal Security Scheme envisages strengthening infrastructure for patrolling and surveillance of the coastal areas by providing assistance to the coastal States and UTs to set up police stations equipped with vehicles vessels, equipment, trained manpower etc. in the coastal areas. The total non-recurring expenditure is estimated at Rs. 400 crore. The recurring expenditure on fuel, repairs and maintenance of the vessels for 5 years is estimated at Rs. 151 crore.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Areas vulnerable from security angle in the Orissa coast will be covered under the coastal security scheme.

Migration of persons from terrorism affected areas of J&K

271. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people belonging to the minority community have migrated from the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir due to the withdrawal of troops of para-military forces from those areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the people belonging to minority community of the State are being threatened by the terrorists for conversion of their religion; and

(d) the details of the action for the security of the minorities in the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There has been neither large scale migration of minority community nor any withdrawal of para-military forces from terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir State.

(b) No such incident/complaint has been noticed so far.

(c) Various steps have been taken for the security of the minorities in Jammu and Kashmir which include:-

(i) Pickets of Security Forces (SFs) have been established in the villages/clusters inhabited by minority community in Kashmir valley.